

Louisville Ky  
April 12<sup>th</sup>

Prof Berth

Dear Sir

I have frequently  
to reduce no inconsiderable amounts  
of Chloride of Silver - I have  
usually employed the process  
adopted at the mint, by reducing  
with Zinc - I find however, that  
the silver does not fuse together  
very readily what can be the  
reason? Does it occur at the  
mint? if so what is the  
remedy - An answer to this  
at your leisure will very much  
oblige you.

Respectfully

Laurea Smith

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asking about melting Silver  
at the Mint.

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